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ing the activities of the Imperial War Relief Fund, Universities' Committee. This committee, which was created at an inter-university conference which met at University College, London, on July 7, 1920, at the invitation of Lord Robert Cecil, and under the auspices of the Imperial War Relief Fund, has set before it the aim of presenting to the British universities the appeal of the universities in the war-stricken areas of Europe. Mr. de Bunsen writes:

During the first year of the existence of the Universities' Committee £32,000*l.* was raised in cooperation with every university in Great Britain and Ireland. The committee at the opening of this university year carefully considered the problem of the Central European universities at the present time, and decided that it would be absolutely necessary for us to maintain the relief work promoted by the committee in cooperation with universities all over the world throughout the coming year.

I may say briefly that the financial panic which has swept through Austria in particular during the last month has threatened the very existence of many distinguished men in universities of that country.

The Universities' Committee has also taken on the further responsibility of endeavoring to raise funds for the relief of men of learning and students in Russia. In careful consultation with Dr. Nansen, the committee is establishing those links in Russia which shall ensure a wise distribution of the funds subscribed. Dr. Nansen has issued a personal appeal to the universities of the world to help to save from extinction the rapidly diminishing numbers of men in Russia who have been able to go through the ordeal of suffering to which many of them have been subjected during the past few years.

In a letter to graduate members of the British universities on behalf of the men of learning of Austria an urgent appeal has been made over the following signatures of distinguished representatives of learning: William Bragg, Bryce, A. S. Eddington, Richard Gregory, Haldane of Cloan, Frederic G. Kenyon, Walter Lock, Donald Macalister, Charles J. Martin, Henry A. Miers, Gilbert Murray, E. Rutherford, M. E. Sadler, Arthur Schuster, Napier Shaw, A. E. Shipley, George Adam Smith, Ernest H. Starling, J. J. Thomson.

#### THE SOUTHWESTERN DIVISION OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE

THE second annual meeting will be held in Tucson, Arizona, from January 26 to 28. The University of Arizona has kindly offered the use of its buildings during this period. There will be four sections with chairmen as follows: Biological, Dr. Charles T. Vorhies, professor of biology of the University of Arizona; Physical science, Dr. V. M. Slipher, director of the Lowell Observatory of Flagstaff, Arizona; Social science, Dr. Edgar L. Hewett, director of the Archaeological museums at Santa Fe, N. M.; and the section on Education and Psychology, chairman to be selected.

The presidential address of Dr. A. E. Douglass will be delivered on the evening of the 26th., to be followed by a reception. On the evening of the 27th. the program will be under the auspices of the Arizona Archaeological Society. There will be illustrated lectures on the recent archaeological researches made in the Southwest. On the evening of the 28th. there will be a characteristic dance by the Yaqui Indians from Sonora.

There will be exhibits of southwestern animals, insects, plants and minerals. The new Stewart Observatory will be demonstrated under the direction of Dr. Douglass. The observatory is complete except for the 36-inch reflecting lens, the first casting of which failed owing to an electrical storm.

ELLIOTT C. PRENTISS,  
*Chairman of the Executive Committee.*

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#### SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

At the meetings held at Amherst, Dr. W. D. Mathews, of the American Museum of Natural History, was elected president of the American Paleontological Society, Dr. Waldemar Lindgren of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology president of the Society of Economic Geologists and Professor T. L. Walker of the University of Toronto president of the Mineralogical Society.

At the recent meeting of the American Psychological Association at Princeton, Professor Knight Dunlap, of the Johns Hopkins